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1st. **WHEN** a regiment, independent corps, or detachment, are to draw provisions, their proper Quarter-Master, or some commissioned officer appointed in orders to do his duty, shall make out and sign a provision return, setting forth in columns the number of persons, with their ranks or stations, the number of days to be drawn for, the commencing and ending of the time, both days included, and the number of rations; this return to be countersigned by the commanding officer of such regiment, corps, or detachment: When the Contractors shall issue the provisions, and have taken a receipt signed by the proper Quarter-Master, or officer doing his duty, by the commanding officer of a detachment, Quarter-Master-Serjeant, or some person in his absence, not under the rank of a Serjeant, this return and receipt so executed, shall be admitted at the Treasury, as a sufficient voucher for the Contractors.

2d. All orders for provisions for General Officers, and the Quarter-Master-General, and their families, shall be signed by themselves, or one of their Aids or Assistants; and a receipt signed by the servant who shall receive it, shall be a sufficient voucher for the Contractors.

3d. No person whatever, in the department of Quarter-Master-General, and of military stores, shall sign any order or return for provision, excepting the heads of those departments, or such persons as shall be respectively appointed by them, to perform the business of such appointments, the Contractors are to have notice in writing; no return is to be made for any but those who are necessarily employed in the said departments, and who do not draw provisions in any other character: The rations allowed to each individual must be fixed, and the returns must specify the number, stations, or occupations

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of the persons, the number of days to be drawn for, the commencing and ending of the time, both days included, and the number of rations in the whole; this return, with proper receipts, will be a sufficient voucher for the Contractors: No fatigue rations to be issued in either of the departments of Quarter-Master-General, or of military stores, but by the particular authority of the superior officer, a copy of whose orders must be transmitted monthly, with the Contractors accounts.

4th. Hospital. No officer or other person whatever, belonging to the General Hospital, shall sign, or countersign any orders or returns for provisions or Hospital stores, excepting the superior officer of the department at the post or place, where such provisions or stores are necessary to be drawn, such superior officer shall make out and sign two returns, as follows, viz.

One return for all the sick and convalescents under his care, setting forth the number of persons, the number of days to be drawn for, with the commencing and ending of the time, both days included, the number of rations, and at what allowance per day for each class of sick or convalescents; also, pointing out by different lines what regiments or corps the persons belong to: This return with a proper receipt signed by the Steward of the Hospital will be a voucher: He shall make and sign another return for himself and all the officers, and others under his command or directions, setting forth the number of persons, with their rank or station, in distinct columns, the number of days to be drawn for, with the commencing and ending of the time, both days included, and the number of rations; this return, with a proper receipt or receipts, will be a voucher: When such superior officer draws an order for Hospital stores, he shall express the quantity of each article in words at full length, and the Steward of the Hospital shall sign a proper receipt for them in like words also: No fatigue rations to be allowed any person in the department, except by order of the Physician or Surgeon General, a copy of which order to be transmitted with the Contractors accounts.

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5th. All orders or returns for provisions for prisoners of war at settled posts, must be signed by the Commissary of Prisoners or Town-Major, if none, to be countersigned by our commanding officer, if any: These returns must show in proper columns the number of each rank and station; as also, the women and children allowed to draw with the number of rations to be drawn, the number of days, with the commencing and ending of the time: No prisoner is to draw more than two thirds of a ration, and that without liquor, saving such who are allowed otherwise by capitulation; where whole rations are allowed, vegetables and other necessary articles are to be substituted for the liquor:---In no returns is liquor to be drawn for the women with the prisoners, or any compensation made for it: No provision is to be drawn for any prisoners who are out at work.

6th. The commanding officer of any corps passing a post, shall sign the orders for provisions for such corps, to be countersigned by the commanding officer of the post if senior; but for detachments not commanded by a commissioned officer, the order must be signed by the officer then commanding at the post.

7th. All soldiers acting as servants with arms, shall draw with their corps; and all such soldiers who are annexed to officers, and are without arms, shall be drawn for by the officers respectively with whom they serve.

8th. As all victualling returns are to be examined and checked at the War-Office in all the returns of regiments and independent corps, the absentees will be accounted for on the back of the returns.

UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled, **APRIL 22, 1782.**

RESOLVED, That from and after the first day of May next, all resolves of Congress, heretofore passed relative to rations, subsistence or allowances to officers over and above their pay, and what they are entitled to from the Quarter-Masters department; except the allowance to the General commanding the southern army, be and they are hereby

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repealed. That from and after the first day of May next, each officer shall be entitled to draw daily the number of ration, and to receive monthly as subsistence the number of dollars and parts of dollars affixed to their several ranks, viz. A Major-General, 5 rations per day, 31 60/90 Dollars per Month. Brigadier-General 4 25 50/90 Colonel, 3 12 60/90 Lieut. Col. Commandant, 2 12 60/90 Lieut. Colonel, 1 1-2 11 Major, 1 1-2 8 Chaplain, 1 1-2 rations per day 8 Dollars per Month. Captain, 1 6 30/90 Subalterns, 1 3 15/90 Surgeon, 1 1-2 4 60/90 Surgeons Mate, 1 3 15/90 Quarter-Master General, 4 25 50/90 Deputy Quarter-Master with Southern Army, 1 1-2 12 60/90 Deputy Pay-Master with Southern Army, 1 1-2 11 Dep. Clothier with the Army, 1 3 15/90 Dep. Post-Master with the Army, 1 Commissary Forage, 1 1-2 11 Field Commissary, 1 6 30/90 Do. with Southern Army, 1 6 30/90 Director Gen. Hospital, 2 Chief Physician, 2 Hospital Surgeon, 1 Mates, 1 Stewards, 1 ration per day. Ward Master, 1 ditto.

All officers in the line of the army, employed in any of the Staff departments, shall be entitled while acting therein, to draw the same number of Rations and like subsistence to which they are entitled by their ranks in the army: And when any persons not in the line of the army, are employed in any of the Staff departments, they shall be entitled to draw the same number of rations and subsistence as officers of the line acting in similar stations, in the staff with them are entitled to draw. No compensation shall hereafter be made to those officers who may neglect to draw rations to which they are entitled.

Extract from the Minutes, **GEO. BOND**, Dep. Secretary.

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